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SUNLIGHT GLAD GARDENS

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Once again we, at Sunlight Gardens, are happy to present to you our modest list of the finest of all flowers. Although we try out a number of new varieties each year we have never been guilty of listing them unless they had real merit. Many of them are annually carted to the dump with some of the older ones which have been replaced by others which have proven themselves better.

Ours is a small business. We grow a little more than three acres of glads, but because we make it almost exclusively a family affair we are able to keep our prices lower than those of any other grower we know. Many customers have told us that we have given them the greatest value they have ever received.

Twenty years of experimenting has taught us how to grow bulbs of top quality without the use of commercial fertilizers. We do it by a system of organic fertilization, working three cover crops into the soil in a single season. That it gives extra vitality to the bulbs is proven by the fact that among numerous other show winnings last season our spikes carried off top honors at Boston, taking the much coveted Champion Basket and Champion Three Spikes as well as Best Formal. Every one of these beautiful spikes was grown in our commercial plantings, from medium sized bulbs, and without irrigation and without commercial fertilizer. We believe nature's way is the best way.

Ninety per cent of our bulbs were grown from bulblets. Not all of them made top size, but we have some beautiful stock in medium and small. Small sizes of most varieties will bloom if planted early, but medium size will give better bloom. It is the size we like to use in our commercial planting for our florist trade. Large bulbs do not ordinarily produce so many bulblets, but they bloom a week or two earlier than the other sizes.

Large bulbs will measure $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches or more. Mediums measure $\frac{3}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{4}$. Small are $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$. Planting stock measures less than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

Because it consumes so much time to count bulblets we are listing many of them by the package this year. The saving is passed along to you in additional bulblets. Each order is personally packed by one of the family, and for that reason we are able to meet your needs if you wish several sizes of one variety. Just send what you wish to invest, mentioning sizes, and we will give you even better value than our published prices.

Excessive shipping charges makes it impossible for us to accept an order for less than \$2.50. Retail orders will be shipped prepaid east of the Rockies. West, add postage at the rate of fifty cents per 100 large bulbs.

Unless otherwise noted after the description of a variety, the price of all bulbs will be as follows:

Large 2 for .20	Medium 4 for .20	Small 10 for .20
Large 10 for .80	Medium 10 for .40	Small 10 for .20
Bulblets .25 per package, \$1.00 per half pint		

Five or more bulbs may be purchased at the ten rate, but please make each item at least 20 cents. Where prices are given after the description of a variety, the price for 10 will be 8 times the price of one. You may have 5 or more at the same rate.

We sincerely appreciate all the patronage you have given us in the past, and regret that it is impossible to write personally to you all. We hope you have a fine growing season.



1950 RETAIL LIST

- ABIGAIL. A nice growing lavender which is one of our favorites. Large .30, medium .20, small 2 for .20, Bts. 25 for .25.
- ABU HASSAN. Darkest of all the "blues." A very nice grower.
- ALGONQUIN. A deep red which can be exceptional, but it likes some seasons better than others. Outstanding when right.
- ANNAMAE. Possibly the best very early pure white. A good one.
- ASTRID. Beautiful shade of rose. Stock in big demand for there is not much of it anywhere. Small 10 for .60, Bts. 15 for .25.
- *BADGER BEAUTY. Light, midseason lavender of a pleasing shade.
- BENGASI. Very light pink that is a world beater in cool weather. Crooks in extreme heat. Large only. .20.
- *BIG TOP. Immense salmon with red throat marks. Tall and fine.
- BIKINI. The brightest orange we have seen. Very easy grower. Large .50, medium .30, small .15, Bts. 15 for .25.
- *BLACK OPAL. Tall, beautiful black red which, like many others, always does best for us from medium sized bulbs.
- *BLESSED DAMOSEL. Ruffled light rose that is exceptional in every way. Small sizes only.
- *BOLERO. Deep orange with large brown blotch. Unique. Small only.
- *BUCKEYE BRONZE. The only true bronze shade we have seen. An especially nice grower.
- *BURMA. No garden should be without this ruffled deep rose. A fine grower and one of the most beautiful glads.
- CHAMOUNY. A rose and silver combination that is striking. A good cut flower and show winner. Large only.
- *CHERRY JAM. This blotched and ruffled salmon is one of our favorites. Different and good.
- *CONCORD. Early royal purple that grows tall and straight. Large .20, medium 2 for .20, small 4 for .20, Bts. Pkg. .25.
- CONN. YANKEE. Outstanding large light pink with scarlet blotch. Large only, .30.
- *CONVOY. Large purple that is somewhat similar to Concord.
- *DAISY MAE. One of the best for any purpose. Orange pink shading to a darker blotch.
- *DEBORAH SAMPSON. Light pink which is one of the best glads ever introduced. Perfect for any purpose where glads are used. Large .50, medium .35, small .25, Bts. 25 for .50.
- DIEPPE. The best salmon red we have ever grown. Outstanding.
- *DRUM MAJOR. An arrow straight medium orange with darker blotch.
- *DR. WHITELY. Big flowered light buff of distinctive shade.
- EGLANTINE. Immense light pink that does not always do well, but when at its best can win in any show. Large .75.
- ETHEL CAVE-COLE. Very pale pink that opens many large florets.
- FAIR ANGEL. An early ruffled white which is often mistaken for Leading Lady. A good glad.
- FRANCIS M. IRWIN. Unusual shade of rosy lavender. Striking for baskets and floral work. Medium and small sizes only.

- GEN. MacARTHUR. Early very light rose with yellow throat.
- *GIANT. Some years this does not grow well, but when it does it is one of the most beautiful reds.
- GOLDEN ARROW. Large light yellow that is a good grower. Large 2 for .30, medium 3 for .20, small 5 for .20.
- GOLDEN STATE. Deep yellow that opens several large blooms. Medium and small sizes only.
- HAWKEYE RED. This bright red is tall and straight.
- HEAVENLY WHITE. A faint bluish cast to this white makes it different than the rest.
- HIGH FINANCE. A rugged growing smoky that is very attractive.
- HUNTRESS. There are newer lavenders than this, but for all around dependability it is hard to beat.
- KESTREL. Very tall, large flowered orange that is desirable.
- KING LEAR. Still one of the best purples when grown from medium or small bulbs.
- LARAMIE. A large late red orange with many open blooms. Medium 2 for .20, small 4 for .20, Bts. 30 for .25.
- LAVENDER QUEEN. For a commercial, this dark lavender is hard to beat. Tall, straight and good.
- LEADING LADY. Creamy white sport of Picardy that is popular.
- MARLENE BOTH. Cream and buff combination which is attractive. Large 2 for .30, medium 2 for .20, small 4 for .20, Bts. 35 .25.
- MARY KATHLEEN. Pure white which opens a large number of blooms, but sometimes not well placed. Large 2 for .30, Bts. Pkg. .25.
- *MASKERADE. Bright yellow with vivid dark red blotch. Medium and small only.
- MISS. WISCONSIN. Lavender rose which is very popular. Large 2 for .30, medium 2 for .20, small 5 for .20, Bts. Pkg. .25.
- MOUNTAIN GEM. Deep red with silver line around edges of petals. Large .30, medium .20, small 2 for .20, Bts. 25 for .25.
- MT. INDEX. White with strong yellow throat. A fine glad.
- *MYRNA FAY. Very early and tall lavender that is very nice. Large 2 for .30, medium 2 for .20 small 4 for .20, Bts. Pkg. .25.
- NEW EUROPE. This large flowered red is one of the best. Medium and small only.
- *ORIENTAL PEARL. Immense clear cream. Has won a lot of prizes. Large 2 for .30, medium 2 for .20, small 4 for .20, Bts. Pkg. .25.
- *OHIO NON PAREIL. This big red stands out in the field like a flaming torch. Medium and small only.
- OGARITA. A giant rosy salmon. Immense plant and spike.
- PANDORA. Beautiful soft shade of pink. A mighty nice glad.
- PAUL ROBESON. Extremely dark red. Tall plant and long head. Large .40, medium .25, small 2 for .20, Bts. 25 for .50.
- PAYMASTER. Nice purple with white spear in throat. Any size .20, Bts. 25 for .50.
- PHANTOM BEAUTY. We rate this light pink among the very best. It will consistently open 10 or more florets. Always straight. Large .35, medium .20, small 2 for .20, Bts. 15 for .25.
- PIONEER. Large, golden throated salmon which is distinctive. Large size only. 2 for .25.

- POET'S DREAM. Ruffled lavender with very delicate coloring. Medium 2 for .20, small 5 for .20, Bts. Pkg. .25.
- *PURPLE SUPREME. Very tall purple with a bright sheen. Medium and small sizes only.
- RED CHARM. Medium deep red that is always dependable.
- *RHETT BUTLER. This very early bright red is a winner but it must be planted early. Crooks badly in hot weather. Large .20, medium 2 for .20, small 4 for .20, Bts. Pkg. .25.
- *ROSE O' DAY. This tall, lavender rose is very popular. A clean, consistent grower. Medium and small and bulblets.
- ROSE RED. A distinctive, deep rose shade. We like it. Large 2 for .30.
- *ROSE RUFFLES. Immense salmon rose which always grows well. Medium 5 for .20, small 10 for .20, Bts. Pkg. .25.
- *ROYAL WINDSOR. Light scarlet of a different shade. Very nice. Large 1 for .30, medium 2 for .30, small 2 for .20, Bts. 15 .25.
- SILENTIUM. White with rose blotch in throat. Very pretty.
- *SILVER WINGS. Whiter than Leading Lady but similar otherwise. One of the very best whites. We like it as well as any white we grow.
- *SPIC AND SPAN. We believe this ruffled salmon pink is one of the best glads we ever grew. It is an unbeatable show flower and a perfect commercial. A good stock of it permits us to offer an exceptional bargain on any size bulbs. Large .50, medium .40, small .30, Bts. 15 for .50.
- *SPOTLIGHT. Deep yellow with red blotch. It deserves its great popularity.
- SUMMER GAL. Ruffled salmon with immense flower head. Large .35, medium .25, small 2 for .25, Bts. 15 for .25.
- *SUNLIGHT. Exquisite ruffled orange and gold combination. Large .35, medium .25, small 2 for .25, Bts. 15 for .25.
- SUNSPOT. Immense apricot buff with rose spot. A good glad. Large .50, medium .35, small .20, Bts. 5 for .20.
- *SUPREME BEAUTY. This dark salmon with cream throat is one that ranks high for beauty. It is an easy one to grow, too. Large .50, medium .35, small .25, Bts. 10 for .25.
- *SUSQUEHANNA. Very early peach buff with cream throat. Well liked by all who know it.
- TOKEN. This rose colored glad is valuable to us as an early commercial. Large size only.
- TRUELOVE. This early shell pink has a loveliness all its own. Stands heat better than most.
- *VAN GOLD. Medium sized florets on this one but the deep yellow color is superb.
- WESTERN STAR. A lighter PICARDY. Rugged grower with an immense flower head. Large only .50 each, Bts. 10 for .25.
- W. R. READER. Early salmon pink with large flower head.

NOTE: Varieties designated by an asterisk * can be furnished by the hundreds in medium and small sizes at eight times the price of ten bulbs of the corresponding size.

BULBLETS FROM UNBLOOMED SEEDLINGS

Seeds are difficult to germinate unless they can be watered daily, so for the benefit of our customers we are offering bulblets from unbloomed seedlings of the following crosses. These should all germinate readily if peeled, and some should bloom the first season. 10 bulblets of any cross for .25. Any five for \$1.00. All 22 for \$4.00.

DAISY MAE X BONNEVILLE ROSE
 DAISY MAE X ORIENTAL PEARL
 HUNTRESS X ORIENTAL PEARL
 KING LEAR X PEGGY
 KING LEAR X BONNEVILLE ROSE
 MARY KATHLEEN X LAVENDER PRINCE
 MARY KATHLEEN X MYRNA FAY
 MARY KATHLEEN X ETHEL CAVE-COLE
 MAID OF ORLEANS X LAVENDER PRINCE
 MAID OF ORLEANS X ELIZABETH THE QUEEN
 MYRNA FAY X MARY KATHLEEN
 ORIENTAL PEARL X BELLA DONNA
 ORIENTAL PEARL X DR. WHITELY
 ORIENTAL PEARL X LEXINGTON
 ORIENTAL PEARL X CAMPFIRE
 ORIENTAL PEARL X WINGS OF SONG
 PAYMASTER X ORIENTAL PEARL
 RED CHARM X GENGHIS KHAN
 SUMMER GAL X KING LEAR
 SUMMER GAL X BURMA
 SUNLIGHT X WESTERN STAR
 SUNLIGHT X BONNEVILLE ROSE

EXHIBITION MIXTURES

For those who do not wish to grow varieties separately we offer a blended mixture of choice bulbs which will make a wonderful display in any garden. These are assembled as the orders come in, therefore we can give you any combination of colors you wish. Unless instructed otherwise we usually include about 40 varieties in each 100 bulbs, using some of the newer ones which we have not yet grown in quantities sufficient to list. If labelled and packaged separately the bulbs would cost at least twice the price we are asking.

Large	\$5.00 per 100	Medium	\$3.00 per 100
Large	\$3.00 per 50		

SPECIAL SETS

Here is a further money-saving opportunity if you wish several sizes of one variety:

BIKINI	1 large, 2 medium, 1 small	\$1.00
DEBORAH SAMPSON	1 large, 1 medium, 2 small	1.00
MOUNTAIN GEM	1 large, 3 medium, 3 small	1.00
MYRNA FAY	4 large, 4 medium, 4 small	1.00
ORIENTAL PEARL	2 large, 6 medium, 6 small	1.00
PAUL ROBESON	1 large, 2 medium, 3 small	1.00
PHANTOM BEAUTY	2 large, 1 medium, 3 small	1.00
RHETT BUTLER	3 large, 3 medium, 6 small	1.00
ROYAL WINDSOR	1 large, 4 medium, 3 small	1.00
SPIC AND SPAN	1 large, 1 medium, 1 small	1.00
SPIC AND SPAN	5 large, 5 medium, 5 small,	
	20 bulblets	5.00
SUNLIGHT	1 large, 2 medium, 4 small	1.00
SUPREME BEAUTY	1 large, 1 medium, 2 small	1.00
WESTERN STAR	3 large	1.00

If you wish some bulblets of any of the above, add as much as you wish to the price of each variety ordered, and we will give you full value.

Our customers must be satisfied.

